

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 1, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act.

Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 339, Adjournment Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action:

Routine Proceedings, pages S15881–S16080

Measures Introduced: Twenty nine bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1951–1979, S.J. Res. 26, S. Res. 275–278, and S. Con. Res. 86.

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Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 1567, to amend title 31, United States Code, to improve the financial accountability requirements applicable to the Department of Homeland Security. (S. Rept. No. 108–211)

S. 1267, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to provide the District of Columbia with autonomy over its budgets, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 108–212)

S. 420, to provide for the acknowledgement of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–213)

H.R. 1416, to make technical corrections to the Homeland Security Act of 2002, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–214)

S. 1978, to authorize funds for highway safety programs, motor carrier safety programs, hazardous materials transportation safety program, boating safety programs. (S. Rept. No. 108–215)

S. 1172, to establish grants to provide health services for improved nutrition, increased physical activity, obesity prevention, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1545, to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to permit States to determine State residency for higher education purposes and to authorize the cancellation

of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1612, to establish a technology, equipment, and information transfer within the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 339, providing for the sine die adjournment of the first session of the One Hundred Eighth Congress, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Craig (for Frist) Amendment No. 2217, providing for the sine die adjournment of the first session of the One Hundred Eighth Congress.

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One Hundred Eighth Congress 2nd Session Convening Date: Senate agreed to H.J. Res. 80, appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Eighth Congress, clearing the measure for the President.

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Condemning Turkey Terrorist Attacks: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 273, condemning the terrorist attacks in Istanbul, Turkey, on November 15 and 20, 2003, expressing condolences to the families of the individuals murdered in the attacks, expressing sympathies to the individuals injured in the attacks, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Federal Law Enforcement Pay and Benefits Parity Act: Senate passed S. 1683, to provide for a

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report on the parity of pay and benefits among Federal law enforcement officers and to establish an exchange program between Federal law enforcement employees and State and local law enforcement employees. **Page S16045**

Federal Railroad Safety Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 1402, to authorize appropriations for activities under the Federal railroad safety laws for fiscal years 2004 through 2008, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S16045–51**

Awarding Congressional Gold Medals: Senate passed H.R. 3287, to award congressional gold medals posthumously on behalf of Reverend Joseph A. DeLaine, Harry and Eliza Briggs, and Levi Pearson in recognition of their contributions to the Nation as pioneers in the effort to desegregate public schools that led directly to the landmark desegregation case of Brown et al. v. the Board of Education of Topeka et al., clearing the measure for the President. **Page S16051**

State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Reauthorization Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 460, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004 through 2010 to carry out the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S16051–52**

Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. 854, to authorize a comprehensive program of support for victims of torture, and the bill was then passed. **Page S16052**

Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act: Senate passed H.R. 1813, to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign centers and programs for the treatment of victims of torture, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S16052**

Directing Senate Commission on Art: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 177, to direct the Senate Commission on Art to select an appropriate scene commemorating the Great Compromise of our forefathers establishing a bicameral Congress with equal representation in the United States Senate, to be placed in the Senate wing of the Capitol, and to authorize the Committees on Rules and Administration to obtain technical advice and assistance in carrying out its duties, and the resolution was

then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S16053–54**

McConnell (for Lott) Amendment No. 2221, to permit the painting to be placed in the Senate wing at a location determined by the Committee on Rules and Administration. **Page S16054**

McConnell (for Lott) Amendment No. 2222, to amend the preamble. **Page S16054**

McConnell (for Lott) Amendment No. 2223, to amend the title. **Page S16054**

Printing Authority/Prayers of Rev. Lloyd John Ogilvie: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 157, to authorize the printing of the prayers of Reverend Lloyd John Ogilvie, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S16054**

Pharmacy Education Aid Act: Senate passed S. 648, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to health professions programs regarding the practice of pharmacy, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S16054–57**

Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act Technical Corrections Amendments: Senate passed S. 1881, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to make technical corrections relating to the amendments by the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act of 2002, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S16057–60**

Vietnam Veterans of America Anniversary: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 120, commemorating the 25th anniversary of Vietnam Veterans of America, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S16060–61**

Private Relief: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 99, for the relief of Jaya Gulab Tolani and Hitesh Gulab Tolani, and the bill was then passed. **Page S16061**

Private Relief: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 1130, for the relief of Esidronio Arreola-Saucedo, Maria Elena Cobian Arreola, Nayely Bibiana Arreola, and Cindy Jael Arreola, and the bill was then passed. **Page S16061**

Private Relief: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 103, for

the relief of Lindita Idrizi Heath and the bill was then passed. **Page S16061**

Private Relief: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 848, for the relief of Daniel King Cairo, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S16061–62**

Private Relief: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 541, for the relief of Ilko Vasilev Ivanov, Anelia Marinova Peneva, Marina Ilkova Ivanova, and Julie Ilkova Ivanova, and the bill was then passed. **Page S16062**

Thanking Senate and House Legislative Counsel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 277, tendering the sincere thanks of the Senate to the staffs of the Offices of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate and the House of Representatives for their dedication and service to the legislative process. **Page S16062**

Undetectable Firearms Ban: Senate passed H.R. 3348, to reauthorize the ban on undetectable firearms, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S16062**

Bankruptcy Extension: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 1920, to extend for 6 months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S16062–63**

U.S. Code Improvement: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1437, to improve the United States Code, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S16063**

Organ Donation and Recovery Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 573, to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote organ donation, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S16064–68**

Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act—Conference Report: By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 459), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary program for prescription drug coverage under the Medicare Program, to modernize the Medicare Program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction to individuals for amounts contributed to health savings security accounts and health savings accounts, to provide for the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and

flexible spending arrangements, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S15882–S15915**

CAN-SPAM Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 877, to regulate interstate commerce by imposing limitations and penalties on the transmission of unsolicited commercial electronic mail via the Internet, with the following amendment: **Pages S15938–48**

Burns Amendment No. 2219, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S15943**

Hometown Heroes Survivors Benefits Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 459, to ensure that a public safety officer who suffers a fatal heart attack or stroke while on duty shall be presumed to have died in the line of duty for purposes of public safety officer survivor benefits, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S16052–53**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during the Senate's adjournment, the Majority Leader be authorized to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions. **Page S16063**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Michael J. Garcia, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security. (New Position)

James M. Loy, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

35 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

6 Army nominations in the rank of general.

19 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, Public Health Service. **Page S16080**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Linda Morrison Combs, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Jack Edwin McGregor, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

Scott Kevin Walker, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

Mark J. Warshawsky, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Roger W. Wallace, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2008.

Marcia G. Cooke, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Curtis V. Gomez, of Virgin Islands, to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands for a term of ten years.

Juan R. Sanchez, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Navy. **Page S16079–80**

Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S15974**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S15976–77**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
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Additional Statements: **Pages S15970–74**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S16035**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S16044**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.
(Total—459) **Pages S15914–15**

Adjournment: Senate met at 8:15 a.m. and, in accordance with the provisions of H. Con. Res. 339, adjourned at 6:15 p.m. until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2003. (For Senate's Program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S16079).

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.